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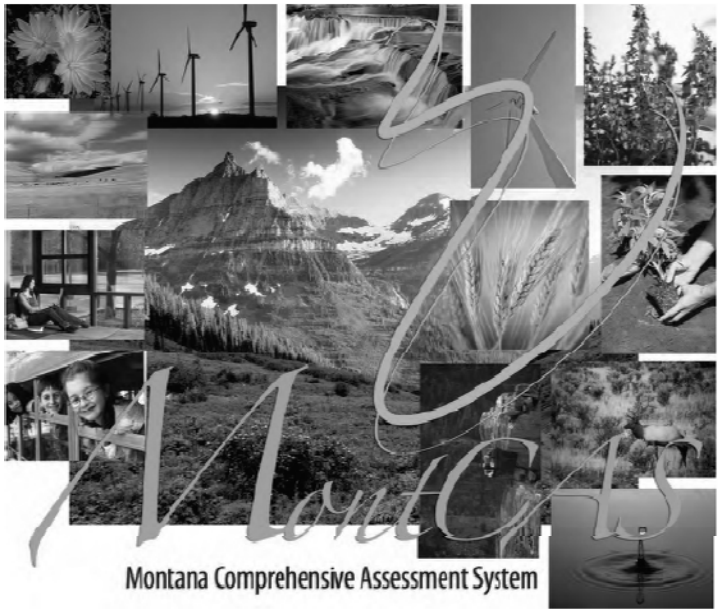

Montana Comprehensive Assessment System

Judy Snow, State Assessment Director

EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENT INFORMS

- High quality instruction
- High quality accountability

MONTCAS

- Required Statewide Testing
  - CRT and CRT-Alternate
  - English Language Proficiency Test
- Resources to Support Assessment
- What's New
  - ACT Plus Writing

CRT AND CRT-ALTERNATE

- Criterion-Referenced Test
  - General education population
- Criterion-Referenced Test Alternate
  - Students who are significantly cognitively delayed
- Reading and Math
  - Grades 3-8 and 10
- Science
  - Grades 4, 8, and 10

CRT AND CRT-ALTERNATE

- Both aligned to Montana content standards
- Administered in March of each year
- CRT
  - Multiple choice items
  - Short answer items in math
  - Constructed response items
- CRT-Alternate
  - Scaffolded performance tasks
  - Administered to students individually

CRT AND CRT-ALTERNATE 2012 TESTING WINDOWS AND TESTING TIME

- CRT
  - February 29 – March 23, 2012
  - Untimed tests
    - Usual amount of time testing for each content area 2.5 hours
- CRT-Alternate
  - February 8 – March 23, 2012
  - Untimed tests—time varies

CRT AND CRT-ALTERNATE RESULTS

- Four performance categories
  - Advanced (275-300)
  - Proficient (250-274)
  - Nearing Proficient (225-249)
  - Novice (200-224)
- Aggregated by school, district, and student group.

CRT AND CRT-ALTERNATE RESULTS

- Paper reports to Parents in September
- MARS: Montana Analysis and Reporting System
  - Secure online site for educators to examine test results

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

- Grades K-12 for students identified as Limited English Proficient
- Aligned to Montana English Language Proficiency Standards
- Assesses social and instructional language
- Four domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing
- Administered in December and January of each academic year

ELP TESTING WINDOW 2011-12

- December 1, 2011- January 27, 2012
- Testing time range depending on grade
  - 15 minutes to 2 hours 20 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST PROFICIENCIES

- Entering
- Emerging
- Developing
- Expanding
- Bridging
- **Reaching**

MONTCAS PRESENTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

To support statewide testing programs and classroom assessment and use of data

+ Online Classes
+ Online modules
+ Annual assessment conference

ACT PLUS WRITING

- $28 Million Gear Up Grant
  - ACT Plus Writing in every high school for all Montana grade 11 students
  - 7 year grant
    - Year 1: 2011-12, Implementation Pilot

Getting Ready

Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments

Announcing the adoption
and transition to
Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments
by the Montana Board of Public Education
on **November 4, 2011.**

opi.mt.gov

The Montana Office of Public Instruction will provide
on-going information, training and resources.

Website: http://www.opi.mt.gov/MontanaCommonCoreStandards

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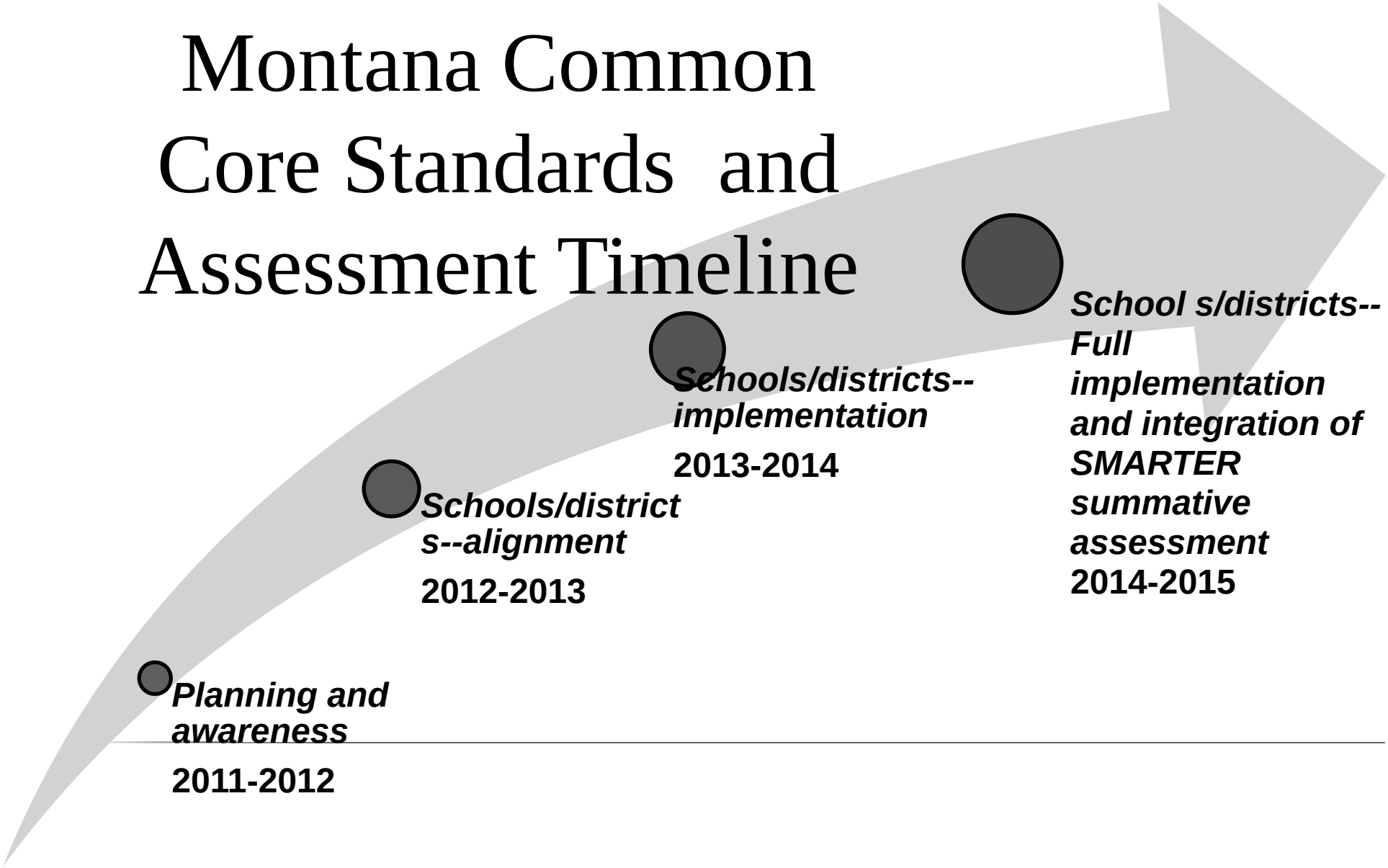
SMARTER
Balanced Assessment Consortium

Montana Common Core Standards and Assessment Timeline



A National Consortium of States

- 28 states representing 44% of K-12 students
- 21 governing, 7 advisory states
- Washington state is fiscal agent

PURPOSES OF THE CONSORTIUM

- To develop a set of comprehensive and innovative assessments for grades 3-8 and high school in English language arts and mathematics aligned to the Common Core State Standards

- To ensure that all students leave high school prepared for postsecondary success in college or a career through increased student learning and improved teaching.

The assessments shall be operational across consortium states in the 2014-15 school year.

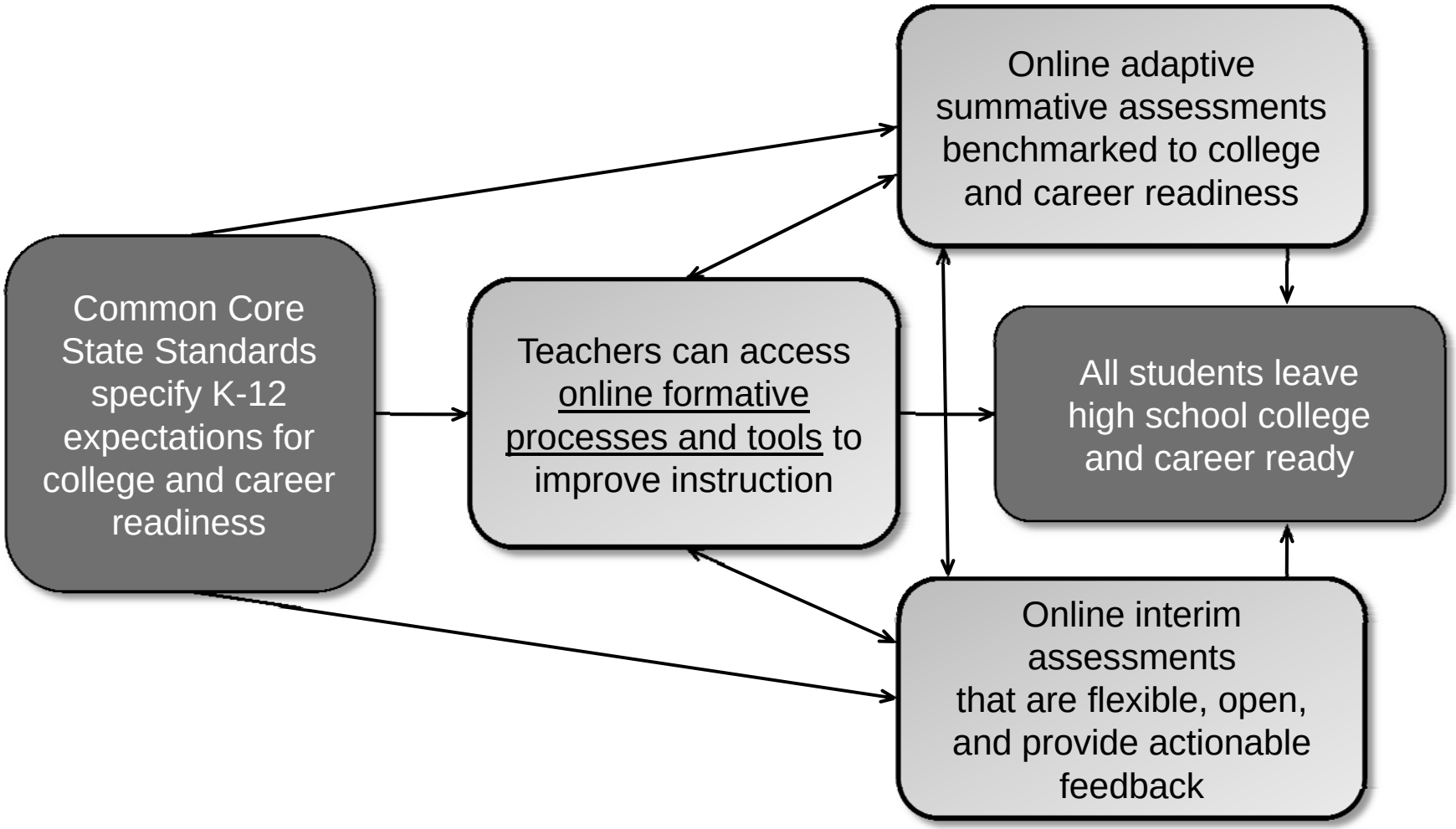
TERMS

- Formative Assessment/Tools and Practices
  - Classroom/Part of instruction/During learning
- Interim Assessment
  - Classroom/ At end of a segment of learning
- Summative
  - After learning

MORE TERMS

- Adaptive Online Assessment (Computer Adaptive)
  - Adapts to individual student responses
  - Facilitates accommodations
- Balanced Assessment System
  - Assessment components are aligned to the same standards
  - Instruction is aligned to the same standards

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM COMPONENTS



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